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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Tatsuya SASAKAWA et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/548,290

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1632

: EXAMINER: BECKERLEG, A.

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FOR: ANIMAL MODEL FOR ALLERGIC DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 2, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-20.

Please add the following claims.

a! --21. (New) A mouse suitable as a model for an allergic disorder, wherein the mouse is a NC/Nga mouse which has been impregnated with an extract of an antigen selected from the group consisting of poke weed mitogen, mite, pollen, dandruff, animal fur, and animal feather, under a specific pathogen free environment such that the animal displays allergy symptoms caused by the antigen.